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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-36. (Canceled)

37. (New) Apparatus comprising a messaging application program interface (API) and a network interface, for interfacing a messaging facility with a remote enterprise application, the apparatus comprising:

an API processing platform comprising a network connection;

a message and designation receive mechanism to receive, from the remote enterprise application via the network connection, a message and a designation comprising destination information identifying (i) a set of multiple recipients and (ii) different modalities for transmitting messages to a given one of the recipients; and

a messaging facility direction mechanism to direct the messaging facility to effect transmission of the message to each designated recipient of the set of multiple recipients using each different modality designated for each designated recipient.

38. (New) The apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the message comprises all content of a message to be delivered.

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39. (New) The apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the remote enterprise application is coupled to the messaging facility via the Internet through the network interface.

40. (New) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the API processing platform comprises an API portion of a messaging facility processing platform.

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41. (New) The apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the messaging facility processing platform comprises a server.

42. (New) The apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the network connection comprises an Internet connection.

43. (New) The apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the Internet connection is part of the network interface forming part of messaging facility processing platform.

44. (New) The apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the messaging facility processing platform comprises a server.

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45. (New) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the different modalities comprise, for each individual recipient of the set of multiple recipients, a set of corresponding modalities for transmitting the message to the individual recipient.

46. (New) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the different modalities comprise at least two of email, fax, voice telephone, and pager.
